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#### BRITISH SECRETARY ARRIVES.

Official Party Reaches Washington Radiant in National Colors.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—The American capital to-day extended a simple, but heartfelt welcome to the British minister of foreign affairs, Arthur J. Balfour, and the other members of the British commission, which has come to Washington, as Mr. Balfour himself expressed it, "to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving with all their power—to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that we can secure."

#### Flags and Weather.

The weather was perfect and Washington in the bright spring sunshine, clad in the light green foliage of the season, never looked more beautiful than this afternoon, when the special train which had brought the distinguished visitors, with their official escorts, from the North, drew into the union station. Everywhere bunting flew in the light breeze, mainly the American national colors. The British union jack and the French tri-color were in evidence in many places, but the local flag makers had been unable to meet the public demand for them.

There were no other decorations and even at the union station the only touch of color was lent by the three large flags, the American, British and French, which were hoisted on three great masts adorning the plaza. Nor was there any music to greet the visitors, the original plan including the presence of the marine band, having been amended to conform to the view expressed by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that this was a grave and serious event in American history and not to be lightly treated or regarded as a social and festive affair.

#### Eager to See Visitors.

On the plaza and overlapping the great building at either wing were gathered some 5,000 people waiting patiently for a glimpse of the nation's guests, restrained at a proper distance by hundreds of policemen and by two troops of the Second Cavalry, commanded by Col. Fenton, part of the garrison at nearby Fort Myer.

#### Every Precaution Taken.

Within the station lines had been drawn separating the traveling public from the space at the eastern end of the concourse across which the visiting party was to pass on the way from the train shed to the President's room.

All of the police captains of the district had been ranged here in a double line as a guard of honor and to keep back intruders. Two score newspaper men standing to the east of the concourse were the only official persons permitted in this section of the station. Detectives swarmed everywhere through the crowds and at various angles where any danger might lurk. Altogether the precautions taken to insure the safety of the nation's visitors exceeded anything ever known in the history of the capital.

#### Welcoming Party.

Exactly on time, at 3 o'clock, the special train drew into the station. Aside from the guards only a very few persons had been permitted to enter the train ahead. These included Secretary Lansing, Frank L. Polk, Counselor for the State Department; Wm. Phillips, Assistant Secretary of State; Hugh Gibson, secretary of the American legation at Brussels, who distinguished himself by his extraordinary efforts to save the life of Edith Cavell, and several other State Department officials. Representing the British Government were Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the

British ambassador; Colville Barclay, counselor of the embassy; Thos. Spring-Rice, Mr. Hohler, Lieut. Col. Murrugh O'Brien, Commander Guy Guante, secretaries and attaches of the embassy.

As the train stopped two of the military officers of the British party stepped to the floor of the shed. Then Mr. Balfour descended, hat in hand, and was immediately presented by the British ambassador to Secretary Lansing. The two secretaries exchanged a hearty handclasp and chatted for a few moments.

The foreign minister walked uncovered with head erect, smiling his greetings to the hand-clapping and cheering. The remainder of the party followed without any attempt at order of precedence and passed into the President's room at the entrance of which a number of automobiles had been brought up in line for their reception.

As the party started on its way up Massachusetts avenue the crowds burst into cheers and applause, to which Mr. Balfour and the others responded by bowing right and left. The route lay up Massachusetts avenue to Sixteenth street, the stately thoroughfare for some years known officially as "Avenue of the Presidents."

A detachment of regular soldiers will remain on guard constantly around the McVeigh residence during the stay of the commission.

French Commission Arrives. Washington, April 24.—The French commission has safely landed in the United States.

This official statement was made early to-day by the government: "The Department of State is advised of the safe arrival of the French commission."

The commission, which includes Marshal Joffre and Premier Viviani, arrived early this morning on board a speedy steamship of the French line, which was conveyed across the Atlantic. The vessel was met off the coast by American torpedo boat destroyers and escorted to a port.

The naval and military attaches of the French embassy at Washington and American naval and military officers, together with a representative of the State Department, immediately boarded the French vessel and extended a welcome to American shores. Later the State Department issued this further statement:

"The Department of State is advised that the French commission will reach Washington to-morrow morning. The precise time and place of arrival will be announced later."

Few details of the trip have been given out, but it is unofficially announced that the voyage was made without special incident.

#### HEEDS MR. WILSON'S CALL.

Westminster People to Help Encourage Growing of Food Stuffs.

Citizens of Westminster will be at the school houses named below on the following dates, with a good speaker from Clemson College and a good local speaker, also with the Westminster Band to furnish music. The trustees of each district have been given detailed information of the meetings. Places and dates follow:

Fair Play—Friday night, April 27. South Union—Monday night, April 30.

Oakway—Tuesday night, May 1st. Oak Grove—Thursday night, May 3.

Tabor—Friday night, May 4. Ladies especially invited.

G. M. Barnett, county demonstrator, insures the speaker from Clemson College.

#### WRANGLING OVER DRAFT.

End of Week Will See Decision As to Army Measure.

Washington, April 23.—With both Houses of Congress debating the war army bill to-day it became more than ever apparent that there is no fight over whether a great army shall be raised, the only question being what strength can be mustered by opponents of the administration's selective draft plan.

In the Senate passage of the general staff bill virtually without change is regarded as certain; on the House side the President's supporters also are confident of success, though the contest there will be bitter. Discussion in the Senate may continue until Saturday, but the House, under a tentative agreement for 18 hours of general debate, probably will be ready to vote by Thursday.

Most of the speeches in the House were in favor of the administration plans, after Representative Dent, chairman of the military committee, had made an opening statement earnestly supporting the bill as amended by his committee to authorize call for volunteers, with provision for applying the draft only if the volunteer system fails. Representative Kahn, of California, ranking Republican member of the committee, appeared in the unique position of spokesman for the President and leader of the administration forces.

Representatives McKenzie, Illinois; Crago, Tennessee; Olney, Massachusetts; Lunn, New York; Greene, Vermont; Adamson, Georgia and others spoke for the draft as the only effective method of raising the army needed. Representative Nicholls, of South Carolina, joined Chairman Dent in championing the volunteer plan.

#### AS TO THE VAGRANCY LAW.

Sheriff Calls on Mayors and Citizens to Co-Operate in Enforcement.

A concerted effort is being made to enforce the vagrancy law. This law is one of the most drastic in South Carolina. It calls upon all mayors of the towns and all good citizens to co-operate with us in the enforcement of the law, which is absolutely necessary at this time.

In nearly all the towns there are some who are without visible means of support. These and all others must now get to work or they will be prosecuted vigorously. There is an abundance of work. Laborers are scarce. The times demand that every man do his duty. Idlers, bootleggers, blind tigers and loafers must get busy at some honest and useful toil or they must make roads.

James M. Moss, Sheriff Oconee County, Walhalla, April 24, 1917.

#### FAVOR SELECTIVE DRAFT.

Citizens of Walhalla, West Union and Community Notify Representatives.

An incident of the preparedness meeting held at the Baptist church last Monday morning was the unanimous passing of the following resolution, copies of which were at once forwarded to Senator Smith and Congressman Dominick at Washington. We give the resolution in full:

Whereas, the attention of the people of the United States is centered in the various army bills now pending in Congress, and it appearing from the reports in the daily press that there is considerable confusion in the minds of many as to what is best, and being desirous of aiding our representatives as far as possible by letting them know how the people at home look upon some of the matters, now, therefore, be it resolved:

First—That the citizens of Walhalla, West Union, and the communities surrounding, do hereby place our unqualified approval upon the proposed plan of "selective draft," as outlined by the President, as being the only just and equitable way of raising a sufficient army without crippling the resources of the nation.

Second—That we are heartily in favor of conserving the supply of grain in this country by passing such legislation as will prevent a single bushel being used for the purpose of making spirituous, malt or vinous liquors. In other words, we are in favor of absolute prohibition. Can't you help to see that it is passed?

Third—That the gravity of the situation demands action and not oratory, and we desire to see legislation to meet the above suggestions passed with as little delay as is compatible with the safety of the government.

Fourth—That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith to the Honorable Fred. H. Dominick, Congressman from the Third Congressional District, and a copy to the Honorable Ellison D. Smith, Senator from South Carolina.

(Signed): Citizens of Walhalla, West Union and Communities, By W. L. Verner, Chairman, Jas. M. Moss, Secretary.

#### Play at Oakway School.

A play will be given by the children of the Oakway school on the night of May 4th. The play is a comedy entitled "Jayville Junction." The benefits will go to the School Improvement Association. Admission: Grown people, 15c.; children, 10c.; pupils of Oakway school, 5c.

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR INCREASED FOOD CROPS.

Local Committees Visiting Farm Communities to Urge Increased Production of Food Crops—Farmers Alive to Situation and Ready to Co-operate Heartily—Meetings To-night, Thursday Night and Friday Night.

Last Saturday Hon. R. A. Cooper, of Laurens, and Dr. W. M. Riggs, of Clemson College, met with the citizens of Oconee at the Court House in Walhalla, presenting the serious situation as it stands to-day with regard to the shortage of food supplies in the United States and in the world. And calling upon the people of this county to rally to the State of South Carolina in its efforts to bring our State into the forefront of the States that will do their part toward making up the shortage and in providing for the home needs.

Both Mr. Cooper and Dr. Riggs made strong talks, presenting the situation in forceful manner and impressing upon their hearers the need of immediate action along the lines of increased production of food and feed crops, the practice of economy in the homes of the country, and the stoppage of waste in every quarter in order that all possible materials may be conserved for use in sustaining our own people during the coming winter and until another crop comes in. There was a good crowd present to hear the speakers, but not as many as should have been there, for the occasion was an important one, the cause in which these men are working a vital one.

#### Our County Work.

As a result of the meeting, the county was divided into three sections, each division being given two gentlemen authorized to call together the citizens of their respective communities to devise ways and means of getting the word into the homes in every nook and corner of the county. The watchwords of the messages to be carried to the farmers, conserve and waste not your food supplies.

#### The Committees.

The three divisions of the county are as follows, each having a lady and a gentleman chairman:

Walhalla—W. L. Verner, Mrs. W. L. Verner. Seneca—Rev. I. E. Wallace, Mrs. W. P. Reid.

Westminster—K. W. Marett, Mrs. Jas. G. Breazeale.

These committees are now at work, the gentlemen having charge of the task of carrying the message as to foodstuff supplies increase, the ladies to urge home economics, canning and caring for the fruits and vegetables, etc.

On Monday morning last a citizens' meeting was held in Walhalla at the Baptist church, and plans were laid for the immediate carrying into effect of the programs laid out by Mr. Cooper and Dr. Riggs. The Walhalla committees are charged with the delivery of the messages to the people of those sections represented by and conveniently located to the school buildings at Ebenezer, Fairfield, Picket Post, Salem, Keowee, Norton, Fairview and Oconee Creek.

The schedule was arranged as follows: Ebenezer, Monday night, the 23d; Fairfield, Tuesday night, the 24th; Picket Post, Wednesday night, the 25th; Salem, Thursday night, the 26th.

Committee No. 1—W. L. Verner, chairman; W. M. Brown, C. W. Pitchford, Dr. J. L. Stokes, Wade C. Hughes, J. A. Steck, R. T. Jaynes, L. M. Brown, J. W. Shelor. The itinerary for this committee was arranged as follows: Ebenezer, Monday night, the 23d; Fairfield, Tuesday night, the 24th; Norton, Wednesday night, the 25th; Fairview, Thursday night, the 26th.

This itinerary was so planned that, working from both ends of the list of places visited, the two committees would join on the last night of the campaign at Oconee Creek, Friday night, April 27th. The committees hope thus to bring the campaign to a close on a larger scale than can be hoped for at any other point.

Working with the male committees are the following ladies: Mrs. W. L. Verner, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Shelor, Mrs. Jesse W. Rankin, Mrs. John A. Ansel, Mrs. J. W. Bell, Miss Daisy Strong, Miss Mary Ellen Wilson.

#### Local Chairmen.

The following lady chairmen have been named to take charge of the work locally:

Ebenezer—Mrs. W. J. Hunt. Keowee—Mrs. W. H. Glazener. Fairview—Mrs. W. S. Kestler. Oconee Creek—Mrs. W. J. O. Ray. Picket Post—Mrs. Noah Tolson. Fairfield—Mrs. J. W. Broadwell. Norton—Mrs. J. H. M. Whitmire. Salem—Mrs. B. J. Moody.

#### The Meeting at Ebenezer

was held Monday night. Little opportunity had been had to get word

to the citizens of this community announcing the meeting, but about 50 were present, and not only gave earnest attention to the visitors, but joined heartily in the purpose and spirit of the meeting, which was greatly added to by the presence and co-operation of Miss Ruth Berry and G. M. Barnett, representatives of the Agricultural Department, each of whom made splendid talks. The meeting was opened and closed with earnest prayers by Dr. Stokes. R. T. Jaynes, Esq., was the first speaker, making an inspiring talk and stating the object of the gathering. Those of the community who spoke were W. T. Hunt and J. L. Vaughn, each showing that he realized the gravity of the situation and giving evidence of earnest co-operation. T. W. Leeroy, representing the Farmers' Union at Ebenezer, stated that the matter would be taken up at the next meeting of the union. Others who spoke were the chairman, Mr. Verner, Dr. Stokes, Mrs. J. W. Shelor, W. M. Brown. We have every reason to believe that many good seed fell into fertile soil at Ebenezer and will bear abundant fruit.

#### The Meeting at Fairfield

school house last night was well attended, and the visitors were cordially received. It was found that the spirit of the movement had already taken hold in good shape in the Fairfield section. J. F. Davis, one of Oconee's splendid farmers, was called upon to state his position, and he said that first of all he wanted to take a hand primary on the question of food products. A vote was called for as to who intends to cut cotton acreage and increase food stuffs acreage, and hands went up on all sides. Not a hand was shown when the call came for each man who would not cut cotton and increase corn and other food products. Mr. Davis stated that he had already altered his original crop plans, substituting food crops on a good portion of land he had intended for cotton. Geo. G. Deal gave a similar statement. Both these gentlemen seemed to voice the sentiment of the entire community.

The committee felt greatly encouraged that the movement has so far progressed in this community. The party visiting Fairfield was composed of W. L. Verner, Mrs. W. L. Verner, Mrs. J. W. Shelor, Miss Daisy Strong, Dr. J. L. Stokes, R. T. Jaynes, Esq., Rev. W. B. Aull, Wm. A. Grant and J. A. Steck. Short talks were made by Mrs. Shelor and Miss Strong along the lines of economics and conservation of food stuffs, while Dr. Stokes, Mr. Jaynes, Rev. Mr. Aull, Messrs. Verner and Steck also addressed the meeting. It was agreed that the Fairfield section gives fine promise of being one of the communities that will not suffer for food stuffs, and will also lend a hand toward the sustaining of others than themselves.

#### Good Meeting at Keowee.

The second committee began its work at Keowee school house last night and were most cordially received. This party consisted of Jas. M. Moss, chairman; Rev. W. H. Hamilton, Wm. J. Stribling, Esq., Harry R. Hughes, Esq., J. B. S. Dendy, Esq., S. N. Pitchford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bauknight, Mrs. J. W. Rankin, Mrs. Geo. Seaborn and Miss Mary Ellen Wilson. Brief talks were made by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Wm. J. Stribling, Harry R. Hughes, Jas. M. Moss, Mrs. Rankin and Miss Wilson.

This committee felt that they were more than repaid for their trip into the Keowee section. They found a spirit of co-operation evident on all sides. The cotton crop in that section is practically all planted, but there is evidence of a determination to increase other crops by more intensive methods and by better cultivation than heretofore.

#### Publicity—Attendance.

The committees hope that the citizens will extend notice of the three days of meetings yet to be held. It is important that the people all over the county shall get this message, which comes direct from our President and our Governor as representatives of the Nation and State. They are urging self-preservation and fellow-help—two things which the country must have if we are to meet with true American and South Carolinian spirit the grave situation that confronts our country. Tell your neighbors of the meetings, talk about them, create an interest in them, and attend them. Self-interest if no other interest should prompt every man, woman and child of thinking age to seek to do a part now that the individual effort counts for so much.

#### Three More Days' Meetings.

There are three more days of the meetings, and in each instance the meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening. The schedule follows:

Wednesday, April 25th. Picket Post . . . . . Norton. Thursday, April 26th. Salem . . . . . Fairview. Friday, April 27th. Oconee Creek—General Rally.

Bear these dates in mind. The time is short. What is done must be done now, for it will soon be too late to take the action that is being urged at these meetings.

#### NEWS NOTES FROM SENECA.

Coming Home to Ballot—Business Men Work for Food.

Seneca, April 23.—Special: A meeting of the business men of Seneca is called for Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing ways and means of encouraging the growth of food stuffs in this vicinity. Rev. I. E. Wallace has been made chairman of a committee to look after this work in this section of the county. Prof. Long, of Clemson College, will attend the meeting and offer suggestions and methods toward advancing this important work.

Mrs. J. S. Stribling has returned from a two weeks' visit to homefolks at Heath Springs. Miss Cora Wylie, who has been in the home during Mrs. Stribling's absence, has returned to her home at Richland.

Mrs. T. S. Stribling, George Shelor and George, Jr., spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. John W. Shelor, near Richland.

J. W. Stribling will arrive in Seneca the latter part of this week from Lowell, Mass., where he has been engaged in work the past year. He comes home for the purpose of enlisting.

Miss Norma Gignilliat is visiting friends in the lower part of the State.

Mrs. L. R. VanDiviere and Miss Georgia VanDiviere spent last Friday with Mrs. G. W. Gignilliat.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gardner, of Greenwood; Mrs. J. W. Shelor, Miss Emma Stribling and C. P. Walker, of Walhalla, were visiting in Seneca Sunday.

The boys who enlisted from Seneca in the army were accepted with one exception. Clarence Bradberry was under weight.

C. B. Smith spent the week-end in Seneca.

Mrs. J. W. Davis has bought the residence on Fair Play street which is occupied by W. E. Nimmons. This property was formerly owned by T. E. Stribling. Mrs. Davis will take possession about the first of May.

L. W. Verner, Jr., has a position in the baggage room at the Southern depot.

Henry Long, colored, a porter at the Palmetto House, was arrested and tried before United States Commissioner Hughes at Walhalla Saturday for using defamatory language about the government. He was bound over to the higher court on a \$500 bond.

Mrs. W. J. Lunney and Mrs. S. K. Dendy are spending opera week in Atlanta.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Croner is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Verner are visiting in North Carolina.

News has been received here of the critical illness of one of Thomas Harper's twin boys in Baltimore.

#### Preacher Shoots Wife and Ma-in-Law

Yonkers, N. Y., April 22.—After a quarrel about the war with his mother-in-law, a native of Germany, and his wife, Rev. Robt. F. Berry, pastor of the Congregational church in East Yonkers, early to-day shot and instantly killed both women, wounded his sister-in-law and then committed suicide. He left a note containing only two words: "Insane Prussians."

From Miss Caroline Bahr, the clergyman's sister-in-law, the police say they learned that the Rev. Mr. Berry purchased a weapon several days ago, saying he had joined the home defense guard. There had been frequent quarrels, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Caroline Bahr, 72 years old, and his wife, Matilda, 35 years old, being strongly pro-German, and he arguing that the United States was justified in entering the war against Germany.

#### WALHALLA FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Courier is in receipt this morning of the following telegram: Columbia, S. C., April 25, 1917. The Keowee Courier: A meeting of the Walhalla Farm Loan Association is called for next Saturday, April 28th, at 2 o'clock p. m. Every member is urged to be present. J. R. EARLE, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### Mrs. Jennie McDonald.

(Tugaloo Tribune, 24th.) Mrs. Jennie McDonald, wife of Perry McDonald, of the Clearmont section, was found dead in bed at an early hour Saturday morning, the 21st instant. The cause of her death is unknown. Mr. McDonald got up and built a fire in the stove shortly after daylight for the purpose of preparing breakfast. He went back to awake his wife and found her cold in death. Mrs. McDonald was 38 years old and leaves her husband and four children, the oldest being fifteen and the youngest two years old. Before marriage she was a Miss Worley, and was an estimable woman. After appropriate funeral services, conducted by Rev. L. M. Lyda, her body was interred in the cemetery of Clearmont Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Many sympathize with the heart-broken husband in his dark and trying hour.